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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

☒ the international application as originally filed☐ the description:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

☐ the claims:

Nos _____, as originally file

Nos _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

Nos _____, filed with the demand

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☐ the drawings:

pages _____, as originally filed

pages _____, filed with the demand

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☐ the sequence listing part of the description:

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2. with regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

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III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

1. This questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of :

☐ the entire international application,

☒ claims Nos. 1-2

because:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement:

Novelty (N)	Claims 3-11	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 3-11	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 3-11	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Novelty:

Claims 3-11 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2), because no document cited in the international search report has disclosed all features of the independent claim 3 and the claims appendant thereto.

Inventive step:

Claims 3-11 don't meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(3), for the following reasons:

Independent claim 3 does not involve an inventive step. D1(WO,A1,0006018) also discloses a remote patient monitoring system with garment and automated medication dispenser (see D1, abstract; description, pages 2,5-15 and figures 1-8). D1 has disclosed most features of claim 3, and the only different feature between the independent claim 3 and D1 is as follows: the said device according to claim 3 also includes medical apparatuses which are supplied at the suitable position of the said LifeShirt, can implement some required treatment, and electrically connect to the monitoring centre. However the different feature is straightforward design possibilities the skilled person would employ, in accordance with circumstances, without the exercise of inventive skill, for example, the D2 (GB,A,2350193) has disclosed as follows: the said health monitoring garment not only can monitor ECG and respirator and tissue vital signs of a human, but also can implement some treatment if necessary. Therefore, the independent claim 3 does not involve an inventive step, and does not meet the requirement of PCT Art.33(3).

The additional features of dependent claims 4-5, 9-11 have already been disclosed in D1 (see D1, description, pages 2,5-15 and figures 1-8), therefore the dependent claims 4-5,9-11 do not involve an inventive step, and do not meet the requirement of PCT Art.33 (3).

The additional features of dependent claims 6-8 are straightforward design possibilities the skilled person would employ, in accordance with circumstances, without the exercise of inventive skill. Therefore, the dependent claims 6-8 do not involve an inventive step, and do not meet the requirement of PCT Art.33(3).

Industrial applicability:

Obviously, claims 3 -11 meet the requirement of PCT Art.33 (4).

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